

As we have had abundance of trouble in that line, anyway, it was not thought best to solicit new attacks by this proceeding. Therefore the council unanimously decided to recommend that no election be held, as under the constitution all officers will hold office until their successors are elected at the next annual meeting. Nothing further remained but the selection of a place of meeting, and the assessment for the year. This was settled by a ballot by mail. I then renominated all the old committees that fell within my appointment and notified our secretary to apprise them of the fact. Every officer has, I believe, done his very best for the interest of the society, and in your hands is placed the record.

And now, in conclusion, I once more thank you for the honor you conferred upon me when you elected me as president of this society. My deepest gratitude is yours. You have supported me loyally in all my efforts for the good of the society and its members during the past strenuous year. I have had the kindest letters from the foremost men throughout the state, offering aid and counsel, and I take this opportunity of thanking them most heartily and sincerely. Bear with me kindly to the end of this session and let me lay down the gavel with the belief that I have served you well.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA—MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The House of Delegates was called to order April 16th, 1907, 8:45 p. m., by the President, Dr. R. F. Rooney.

On roll-call it was found that 45 Delegates were present, and the President declared the House in session.

Dr. Parkinson introduced the following resolution, which was duly seconded and carried:

Resolved, that an Executive Committee of three be appointed by the President for the purpose of considering such matters as may be referred to it by the House of Delegates. The President then appointed as such committee Drs. J. H. Parkinson (chairman), J. Henry Barbat and F. M. Pottenger.

The report of the President had been made at the morning session and was now referred to the Executive Committee.

The report of the Secretary and Editor was then read and referred to the Executive Committee.

The report of the Council was then read and referred to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Parkinson then introduced the following: *Resolved*, that the report of the Council be adopted, and that its action on the various matters contained therein be, and it is hereby approved. Duly seconded and carried.

There was no report from the Committee on Scientific Work.

The report of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation was presented by Dr. Parkinson and referred to the Executive Committee.

The amendments introduced at the Thirty-sixth

Annual Session were adopted, resulting in the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws:

(a) By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 12. "The Secretary of each component society shall forward its assessment, together with its roster of officers and members, list of delegates and list of non-affiliated physicians of the county, to the Secretary of this Society before the first day of February of each year."

(b) Article X, Section 5, which reads as follows: "For the purpose of determining the amount of the assessment upon each component society for the fiscal year, the secretary of each component society shall file with the Secretary of the State Society on or before the first day of February of each year a statement of the number of members in good standing on the first day of January of such year as provided in Article I, Section 3. Names of additional members may be transmitted to the Secretary of this Society at any time during the year, but all names transmitted prior to the first day of August shall be accompanied by the assessment to the State Society for that year."

(c) Section 9. "A physician living on or near a county line may hold his membership in that county most convenient for him to attend, provided that the consent of the society of the county in which such physician may reside be first obtained."

(d) Section 14. "In counties where it is not practicable to organize a County Medical Society, any member of the profession in said county may have the privilege of uniting with the society of an adjoining county, but such membership shall continue only during the time that no organized County Medical Society exists in that county. If, however, it is more convenient for a physician who lives in one county to attend the meetings of an adjoining component society, he may continue as or become a member of such society, provided that jurisdiction be first waived by the society of the county in which such physician may reside."

Dr. Langley Porter then introduced a resolution to the effect that it was the sense of the general session, held on the morning of April 16th, that the House of Delegates co-operate with the Los Angeles County Association and other committees or societies in the matter of securing pure foods. This was referred to the Executive Committee.

A substitute motion was introduced by Dr. Matison, which was also referred to the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the minutes were read and approved as read, and the House adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday evening, April 17th: Called to order at 8:40 p. m. by the President, Dr. Rooney; 48 Delegates present.

The Secretary announced the resignation of Dr. J. A. McKee as a Delegate from Sacramento County, and Dr. N. K. Foster was registered as his successor.

The report of the Executive Committee was then called for, and was read by the Chairman, Dr.

Parkinson. It was moved by Dr. Ellis that the report be accepted and the recommendations considered section by section. Carried.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(1) *President's Address. Committee on Medical Education.* Recommends that a committee of three be appointed by the President for the purpose of co-operating with the Council on Medical Education of the A. M. A. and with the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California on this subject. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(2) *Fees for Examinations for Life Insurance.* Recommends that this matter be left with the affiliated county societies; that the Secretary call their attention thereto, urging them to take action in the premises and requesting that they inform him what course, if any, has been adopted, so that he can report same to this Society. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(3) *Proprietary and Secret Remedies.* Recommends that members of this Society refrain from using remedies the exact nature of which, or the formula thereof, is not clearly set forth. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(4) *Dr. N. S. Davis Memorial Fund.* Recommends that each member of this Society, who is a member of the American Medical Association, contribute one dollar to the fund, and that this recommendation be published in the JOURNAL. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(5) *Report of Council. Nominees for Board of Examiners.* The Committee finds, on looking over the names of those selected by the House of Delegates for submission to the Governor for his consideration when appointing the Board of Medical Examiners, that that of Langley Porter is ineligible, the doctor holding an appointment in the San Francisco Polyclinic. The Committee believes there are two methods of disposing of this difficulty:

(a) That the House reopens the whole question and proceeds to ballot for ten names.

(b) That the House proceeds to ballot for one name to fill the vacancy caused by the ineligibility of Dr. Porter. The Committee feels that the latter is the quickest course and recommends its adoption. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(6) *Medical Register.* Recommends that, for the present, the Register be issued as a supplement to the JOURNAL and of the same size and form, at the usual time of publication. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(7) *Assessment.* Recommends that the assessment for 1908 be maintained at three dollars. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(8) *Advertising.* Recommends that no advertisement of a preparation appear in the JOURNAL unless such preparation has been approved by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the A. M. A., but that all existing contracts with advertisers to whom this recommendation applies be fulfilled. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(9) *Organization of the Profession.* Recommends that this matter be referred to the Council with power to act and with the suggestion that the strictest economy be practiced in this connection. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(10) *Secretary's Report. Card Index of Physicians.* Recommends that the card index of physicians be reconstructed as soon as the Council believes the funds of the Society will justify the necessary expense. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(11) *Publicity and the Education of the Public on Medical Matters.* Recommends that a committee of three be appointed by the President for the purpose of giving effect to this recommendation, and that strict economy in the working of this Committee be practiced. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(12) *Fund to be Raised by County Societies for Publicity, Protection and Organization.* The Committee believes that such a fund will fill a most useful and worthy purpose—if you can get it. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(13) *Secretary's "Explanation and Apologies."* In deference to the feelings of the Secretary, your Committee believes that his "explanation and his apologies" should be accepted with sympathy and with sincerity. At the same time the Committee feels that such sentiments can only arise from a modest unconsciousness of innate worth and of services admirably and faithfully performed. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(14) *Report of Committee on Medical Legislation. Naturopaths.* Recommends that the representatives of this Society on the Board of Examiners be instructed, if legally possible, to use their influence towards the certification of these Naturopaths, now in active practice and in good standing, whose names have been submitted with this report. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(15) *Square Deal.* The Committee urges upon the representatives of this Society on the Board of Examiners the paramount necessity of tact, consideration and conciliation in the workings of this first Board under the new Act. It assumes the fairness of its representatives and only points to the fact that by their conduct the Board, as a whole, is likely to be approved or condemned. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(16) *Medical Organization for Legislative Purposes.* The Committee recommends that the form of organization obtained during the past session, namely, committees in Senatorial Districts, be continued, the necessary appointments being made in the same manner and at the proper time; that is, after the elections. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(17) *Resolution Relating to Pure Food.* Recommends that a committee of three be appointed by the President to co-operate with the proposed committees from County Societies and to amplify their work. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(18) *Board of Examiners. Investigation of Credentials and of Preliminary Educational Requirements.* The committee recommends that the Board continue its policy in this matter, believing it to be of the highest importance in furthering the cause of better qualification. For this purpose the representatives of this Society on the Board should be instructed to urge the importance of this attitude. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(19) *Prosecution of Illegal Practitioners.* The prosecution of violators of the medical law having, under the new medical practice act, become a part of the duty of the Board of Examiners, the committee recommends that the Council take the necessary steps to procure the co-operation of the affiliated County Societies in this work. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(20) *Special Committee on Tuberculosis.* Recommends that this committee be continued. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(21) *New By-Laws.* The committee advises that wherever it seems best to make the various committees, suggested in this report, permanent, the necessary changes in the by-laws therefore be submitted. (On motion this section was adopted as read.)

(Signed.) JAMES H. PARKINSON, Chairman.
HENRY BARBAT,
F. M. POTTENGER.

It was then moved by Dr. Parkinson that the report be adopted as a whole; seconded and carried.

On motion of Dr. Barbat, Dr. R. L. Wilbur was elected to take the place on the list of nominees to be submitted to the Governor, from which list appointments to the Board of Examiners are to be made, to take the place of Dr. Langley Porter, who was found to be ineligible. The President then called for the special order of business.

The selection of place of meeting and election of officers. Dr. H. N. Rowell nominated Berkeley, and Dr. J. A. Parker nominated Coronado, as the next place of meeting. After several speeches had been made, Dr. Rowell withdrew the nomination of Berkeley, and it was then moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Coronado as the next place of meeting.

Dr. George H. Evans was then nominated by Dr. H. Bert Ellis for President during the ensuing year. There being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Dr. Evans.

Dr. John C. King and Dr. J. A. McKee were then nominated to fill the office of First Vice-President during the ensuing year. Dr. John C. King withdrew, and there being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Dr. J. A. McKee.

Dr. John C. King was then nominated for Second Vice-President. There being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried, that

the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Dr. King.

Dr. Philip Mills Jones was then nominated for Secretary. There being no other nominations it was regularly moved, seconded and carried, that the President cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Dr. Jones.

Dr. A. W. Hewlett and Dr. H. P. Hill were then nominated to act as assistant Secretaries. There being no other nominees, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried, that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Drs. Hewlett and Hill.

Councilors. Term expires 1910; Eighth District, Sacramento, Amador, El Dorado, Alpine, Placer, Yuba, Sutter, Sierra, Yolo, Butte, Plumas, Lassen, Mono, Inyo, Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, Shasta, Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, Jas. H. Parkinson to succeed himself.

Sixth District, San Francisco, C. G. Kenyon, to succeed himself.

Second District, Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, Dr. George H. Kress.

At large, Dr. F. C. E. Mattison, to succeed himself. Term expires 1909; Third District, Santa Barbara, San Louis Obispo and Monterey Counties, T. C. Edwards, to succeed himself.

Fourth District, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties, George H. Aiken, to succeed himself.

First District, San Diego, Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino Counties, Fred R. Burnham.

At large, Drs. H. A. L. Ryfkogel and R. L. Porter, were nominated. Forty-eight ballots were cast, of which Dr. Ryfkogel received twenty-five, and Dr. Porter twenty-three. The President declared Dr. Ryfkogel elected.

Term expires 1908; Fifth District, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Dr. A. E. Osborne, to succeed himself.

Delegates to the American Medical Association. Drs. H. Bert Ellis and Philip Mills Jones for two years, and Dr. Oliver D. Hamlin for one year, were then nominated, and there being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the President cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Drs. Ellis, Jones and Hamlin.

Alternates. Drs. H. M. Pond, C. C. Browning and W. F. Snow were nominated, and there being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Drs. Pond, Browning and Snow.

Committee on Scientific Work. Drs. Martin Fischer, W. I. Terry, F. M. Pottenger and Walter Hewlett were then nominated, and there being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Drs. Fischer, Terry, Pottenger and Hewlett.

Committee on Public Policy and Legislation. Drs. F. B. Carpenter, J. W. James and Dudley Tait

were then nominated, and there being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Drs. Carpenter, James and Tait.

Committee on Arrangements. Drs. F. R. Burnham, H. N. Goff and J. A. Parker were then nominated, and there being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Drs. Burnham, Goff and Parks.

The minutes were then read and approved as read, and there being no further business, the House of Delegates adjourned sine die.

PHILIP MILLS JONES,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Mr. President and Delegates:

Your Council begs leave to hand you the following report of the work which has come before their attention during the past year.

Owing to the general confusion which followed the catastrophe of last April, no meeting of the Council was held until August 22nd. At this time Dr. J. H. Parkinson was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Thomas Ross.

The Council considered very carefully the advisability of recommending that the President call a meeting of the House of Delegates, but it was urged that as all the San Francisco members had suffered very severely, it would hardly be justifiable to place them under the expense of attending a special meeting, if the absolutely necessary work could be done otherwise. As the By-Laws state that all officers shall hold until their successors are elected and qualified, there appeared to be no good reason why these officers could not hold over until the present annual meeting.

A ballot of the House of Delegates was taken on the recommendation that the next place of meeting be Del Monte, that the assessment be fixed at \$3.00 for the year 1907, and that the recommendation of the Council, to the effect that no special meeting be held, be sanctioned. These motions were approved by the Delegates practically unanimously.

Some members of the Council advised with the Secretary early in May, 1906, as to the resumption of the business of the Society, and authorized the Secretary to order furniture and supplies for the rehabilitation of the office of the Society, which action was subsequently confirmed unanimously by the Council in session.

The loss to the Society by the fire of last April was very serious, exceeding \$3,000.00. The actual financial loss, however, was by no means the most serious, as all of the records of the Society, with the exception of the minutes of the Council and the account books, contracts and vouchers, were destroyed. Up to the present time these records have been but partly re-established, as the expense of reconstructing the card file of physicians is one that

the Council has not felt that the Society could yet afford. The work should be undertaken at the earliest possible time.

In October, Dr. J. L. Asay resigned from the Council, and Dr. A. E. Osborne was elected to fill his place.

Donations from Los Angeles, \$913.00; King County, Washington, \$106.00, and Marin County, \$25.00, were received by the Council for the State Society, and the thanks of the Council were extended to the donors. This assistance aided very materially in carrying on the work of the Society until the end of the year, when the income for 1907 began to come in.

In March, after the passage and approval of the new law governing the practice of medicine in this State, and the State Board of Medical Examiners requested the Council to designate the ten nominees from which list the Governor was to appoint five to act upon the Board of Medical Examiners. It was stated to your Council that the various other Societies entitled to representation on the Board of Examiners, did not hold their meetings until after the 1st of May, on which date the new Board is required by law to complete its organization. Consequently, these Societies had appointed their nominees through the several Councils or Executive Committees of their respective Societies. It was further urged that the nominees should be placed before the Governor at the earliest possible date, so that the personnel of the Board might be known, and a preliminary meeting for organization held in April, immediately after the session of the present Board.

In view of these facts, your Council, while it did not care to assume the responsibility of directly making the nominations to the Governor, instructed the Secretary to take a ballot by mail of the House of Delegates, and to expedite this ballot, submitted to the Delegates ten nominees.

The recommendation in this case was approved by the House of Delegates. The nominees submitted in the postal ballot and elected are the following: Dudley Tait, G. F. Reinhardt, A. L. Cothran, John C. King, J. Henry Barbat, F. C. E. Mattison, Barton J. Powell, J. W. James, Langley Porter and Saxton Pope. Sixty-three votes were cast out of a total of ninety delegates.

Considering the financial statement prepared by the auditor who examined the Secretary's books and accounts, as closed on the 31st of December, and found them to be correct in all particulars, your attention is called to several items.

You will note the overdraft of \$450.56. This overdraft was apparent, and not actual. There was not sufficient funds to pay all the running expenses, so the Secretary consented to refrain from depositing the checks drawn to his account for his salary, thus permitting the Society to retain the use of some \$600.00.

The item of fixtures, \$668.78. This expense was required in refitting the office of the Society, and represents only a part of the required expenditure. Nearly \$300 in addition to this amount has been ex-